

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm appointed Lisa Webb Sharpe to serve as director of the Department of Management and Budget (DMB) starting August 1, 2005. Webb Sharpe later received unanimous confirmation from the Michigan Senate. DMB, a department of 850 employees, provides cost-effective business services to government. These services include, but are not limited to, state procurement, management services; printing and mailing services; and administration of retirement programs for state and public school employees, judges, and state police.

Prior to her appointment, Webb Sharpe served as the Governor's cabinet secretary and policy director, working closely with all 19 state departments on operational and policy issues. She also led the

development of the Cabinet Action Plan, which tracks and measures department performance. The plan was instrumental in ranking Michigan as the third best-managed state in the nation by Governing magazine.

Born the third out of four children in Seville, Spain to Samuel (U.S. Veteran) and Beverly Webb. Webb Sharpe was raised in Detroit, MI and reared in an environment that fostered public service, integrity, and performance. These characteristics have continually marked her career as a public servant. Webb Sharpe served as the Group Executive for Human Services, a cabinet level position, for Mayor Dennis Archer in the City of Detroit. Webb Sharpe received recognition for taking the city's public housing from troubled status to standard performing and approaching high performing standards in three and half years.

She has also served as the Director of Housing Services for the Traverse Group, an environmental engineering firm, in Ann Arbor, MI, by creating their new Housing Services Division.

Webb Sharpe holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Personnel and Industrial Relations from Eastern Michigan University and a Master of Business Administration Degree in International Business from Wayne State University.

Webb Sharpe actively volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, Brownies/Girl Scouts, and her local Parent Teacher Organization. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity, and has received their Daniel Vehar Leadership Award.

She and her husband, Felix Sharpe, are the proud parents of three gifted children, Felix II, Justen, and Alexandra.